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GEORGIA DOT AWARDS \$97.1 MILLION IN STATEWIDE PROJECT CONTRACTS FOR NOVEMBER

ATLANTA – Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) awarded 17 contracts for statewide projects in November totaling \$97.1 million. This includes \$66 million for two widening and construction projects; almost \$20 million for 10 resurfacing projects; and \$5.6 million for three bridge projects.

“As we move into 2016, GDOT will begin to see funds resulting from HB-170 - Georgia’s Transportation Funding Act (TFA) - which will lead to a substantial increase in monthly awarded contracts that address our backlog of road and bridge maintenance needs,” GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurtry said. “And now with passage of the new long term federal highway funding bill, we will also be able to efficiently plan and deliver major projects – something that has been lacking for way too long.”

In November, the largest transportation investments, in South Georgia, address connectivity and freight mobility through expansion of access to markets that are essential to economic development.

- In Ware County, a \$34.1 million project will widen and reconstruct 6.1 miles on US 84/SR 38 beginning west of Ruskin Road (CR 88) and extending east of Wadley Road (CR 294). The contractor is East Coast Asphalt, LLC of Douglas, Ga. and the completion date is May 31, 2018.
- In Brooks and Colquitt counties a 9.6 mile \$32 million widening and reconstruction project for SR 133 from Old Quitman Adel Road (CR 1) to Old Berlin Road (CR 256) was awarded to The Scruggs Company of Hahira, Ga. The completion date is April 30, 2018.

In keeping with the Department’s focus on investing in routine maintenance, 10 resurfacing projects covering some 63 miles and valued at \$19.3 million were awarded, as well as bridge rehabilitation projects in Dade, Richmond and Warren counties.

In Lanier County a bridge construction project, valued at \$3.7 million, was awarded under the Legislature’s \$100 million bridge bond appropriation. The project includes construction of a

bridge and approaches on SR 64 over Five Mile Creek and Ten Mile Creek. The contractor is Southeastern Site Development, Inc. of Newnan, Ga .and the completion date is October 31, 2017. Since Fiscal Year 2016 began in July, a total of 14 bridge bond projects valued at \$42.9 million have been awarded. The remaining 11 bridges to be funded with bonds will be bid out in the coming months.

The Department also awarded operational improvement projects:

- In Richmond County, 1.2 miles of turn lane construction and intersection improvements, valued at almost \$5.4 million, is scheduled to be completed on November 30, 2016.
- In Fulton County, intersection enhancements were awarded for various locations on SR 139 to improve efficiency with traffic signal upgrades and ITS installation. The contract, valued at \$652,866, was awarded to Knight & Associates, Inc. of Atlanta with a completion date of September 30, 2016.

Due to a period of federal funding uncertainty, GDOT postponed putting out to bid \$123 million worth of projects in December. However, in early December, a five-year \$305 billion highway bill was passed. With the new federal legislation, those postponed projects will be brought forward in 2016.

Since January, Georgia DOT has awarded 250 major construction contracts valued at \$1.02 billion.

Details on awarded projects can be found through the Award Announcement Downloads link: <https://www.bidx.com/ga/lettings>. Information on schedules, lane closures and detours will be made available in advance of construction activities.

In their 2015 legislative session, Georgia lawmakers addressed the state's critical transportation infrastructure needs with passage of House Bill 170, Georgia's transportation funding bill. The Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015 is expected to generate an estimated \$870 million in the first fiscal year. This sustained annual revenue will be used to fund much-needed routine maintenance and capital improvements. GDOT is planning now so that projects can advance quickly once funds are received starting in July 2016.

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